

Story #407 (Tape #4, 1972)

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Why All the People of Karakaya Wept

One day there were two women drawing water from a cistern. One of them said to the other, "If my son fell into this cistern, would you weep for him or not?"

"Yes, I would weep for him," and she started right then to cry. The first woman now also began to weep.

Some of the other villagers heard them crying and came to them to discover the reason. When it was explained to them, the newcomers also began to weep. More villagers came, and when they had heard the reason for the weeping, they also joined in the crying. As each new person approached, he asked the cause of the weeping, and when he heard it, he too wept. Before very long, the entire village was weeping, and it is said that they continued this for several days.